

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	545



City Lexington

Address 52 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Sidney Myron Lawrence

Use: Present residence

Original residence and dairy farm

DESCRIPTION:

Date between 1889 and 1894

Source directory, map research

Style Shingle Style/Queen Anne

Architect shingles,

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 11390 ft.²

Setting Adjacent to Pleasant Brook

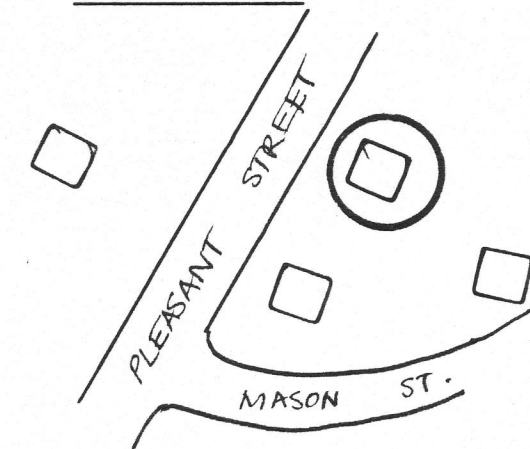
development of contemporary houses on

residential street; houses otherwise of

mixed building date.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This simple, side-hall building retains diamond-pattern shingles in the gables and in the soffits above the bay window, even though the rest of the building has been sided with aluminum. This building type is found all over Lexington, but this is the only example in the immediate area.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

(b. 1853)
The house was built by Sidney Myron Lawrence, the grandson of Phineas Lawrence who built the farmhouse at 3 Peacock Farm Road, and the son of Sidney whose farm was south of there in the area now covered by Route 2. All three were dairy farmers who helped to make Lexington one of the largest producers of milk in the Commonwealth in the nineteenth century.

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1830 map

1853 map

1875 atlas

1887 Directory

1889 atlas

1894 Directory

1898 atlas

1899 Directory

1906 atlas

1906 Directory